

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
Tuesday, March 7, 2006**

Present: Commissioner President Thomas F. McKay
Commissioner Kenneth R. Dement
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe
Commissioner Thomas A. Mattingly, Sr.
Commissioner Daniel H. Raley
George G. Forrest, County Administrator
Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am.

APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to authorize the Commissioner President to sign the Check Register dated, March 7, 2006, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of February 28, 2006. Motion carried 5-0.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Commissioners presented Proclamations for the following: Disability Awareness Month, Women's History Month, and Red Cross Month.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS *(Sue Sabo and June Robert)*

Awards were presented to County employees who have served the St. Mary's County Government with 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Present: Mrs. Lynne Morgan-Smoot, Supervisor of Instruction for Fine Arts; Mr. Joe Mitchell, Endowment Board; Joseph North, Principal, Chopticon High School; Students:

Laura Olson and Becky Lemmon, Great Mills High School; Daniel Kurtz, Chopticon High School; and Julie Woodburn, Leonardtown High School.

Mr. Mitchell gave a brief history on the establishment of the Hopkins award. Ms. Morgan-Smoot called up each of the \$5,000 scholarship recipients, who in turn briefly described their art and their future plans. The students' art work can be viewed through the month of March at the Higher Education Center, Airport Road, Bldg. 2.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agendas for March 14th and March 21, 2006.

Commissioner McKay stated changes of location for the Public Forums. March 14th's forum will be held at the Governmental Center (instead of the Old Carver Elem. Gym), April's forum will be at the Northern Sr. Center and the May Forum will be at the Old Carver Elementary School gym if available.

2. Department of Public Works and Transportation *(George A. Erichsen, P.E., Director)*

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the FAA's Master Agreement for the Airport Improvement Program Grants. Motion carried 5-0.

(Richard P. Tarr, Solid Waste Manager)

Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Inter-government Agreement supplementing county efforts to collect and recycle scrap tires. Motion carried 5-0.

The date for this event is scheduled for September 16, 2006 at St. Andrew's Landfill, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3. Department of Economic and Community Development *(John Savich, Director)*

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Budget Amendment transferring \$1,350 from other contract services and staff development in the Administrative Accounts to mileage and conferences/conventions in the Agriculture Accounts. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Minority Business Alliance *(Marcel Brooks, President; Robert Fenwick, Vice President; Steve Hawkins, Treasurer; John Lancaster, former County Commissioner; Francine Dove-Hawkins, and County Staff: Courtland Franklin, John Norris and Hans Welch)*

Commissioner Raley moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to authorize Commissioner President to sign the Memorandum of Agreement to establish a

cooperative relationship with the St. Mary's County Minority Business Alliance. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **St. Mary's County Public Schools** (*Mr. Daniel L. Carney, Chief Financial Officer*)

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Raley, to approve and authorize the increase in the Board of Education's Restricted Program Fund budget for FY 2006 to reflect non-local funds received in the form of 8 grants totaling \$548,429 and sign the letter, from this Board, advising the Board of Education that the change has been approved. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **Office of the Sheriff** (*Sheriff David D. Zylak or Captain Ken Cusic and Erin Shoemaker, Fiscal Manager*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the Grant Award from the Office of Justice accepting the \$24,612 for the Office of the Sheriff to procure equipment to support local law enforcement. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to approve and authorize the Office of the Sheriff, or the Sheriff's designee, to submit the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application on-line through the U.S. Department of Justice via the Grants Management System. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **Department of Finance** (*Elaine Kramer, Chief Financial Officer*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign six Budget Amendments which will close the listed Capital Projects and return remaining funds to the FIN06 CIP Reserve. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Department of Aging** (*Jennie Page, Acting Director and Peggy Maio, Fiscal Supervisor*)

Commissioner Dement moved, seconded by Commissioner Mattingly, to approve and authorize Commissioner President to sign the St. Mary's County Department of Aging Notification of Grant Award (Nutritional Services Incentive Program (NSIP) and related Budget Amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

**DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES
PROGRAM PROPOSAL: "RAISING COMMUNITY STANDARDS IN YOUTH
SPORTS"** (*Phil Rollins and
Art Shepherd*)

The Commissioners discussed the Recreation, Parks and Community Services Department's proposal for a "Raising Community Standards in Youth Sports" initiative that was presented to the Board on February 7, 2006.

Commissioner Mattingly moved, seconded by Commissioner Dement, to implement the "Raising Community Standards in Youth Sports" initiative as developed by the

National Alliance for Youth Sports as soon as the budget will allow. Motion carried 5-0.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING (MDP) UPDATE (*Secretary Audrey E. Scott and Ruth Mascari*)

Secretary Scott briefed the Commissioners on the Maryland Department Planning's role pertaining to growth in the jurisdiction and the services the Department can offer each county. MDP will work with the counties to help incorporate BRAC into the planning for growth in the future.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Commissioner Raley

Attended the Agricultural Committee Meeting in Hughesville, Md. and stated that one of the issues was financial support for Cheltenham's Agricultural Auction. Ms. Sasscer, Delegate Wood and Commissioner Raley voted no on the issue, but lost. They felt that the government shouldn't support an activity that private enterprise is doing. He also attended the Bio-diesel Briefing and found it very interesting.

Attended the Dinner at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and commends them on their good work throughout the year and their excellent organization of the evening's events and meal service.

Commissioner Dement

Presented Proclamation to Mary Loretta Lawrence for her 70th Birthday.

Congratulated students who received the \$5,000 Art Scholarships.

Attended the St. Mary's Co. Hurricane Relief Thank You Reception.

Attended the Technical Center's Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser. Proceeds will be donated to Piney Point Elementary School to upgrade computers. He thanked the volunteers.

Commissioner Mattingly

Attended the Dinner at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and offers his congratulations to them for a job well done.

Attended Piney Point Elem. School's Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Technical Center for the upgrade of their computers.

Went to some of the libraries for the Read Across America Program and read to the children.

Attended the Annual Friends of St. Clements Island Meeting at the Colton Point Museum.

Happy 10th Birthday to his oldest grandson Cameron.

Requested that the visits to the solid waste facilities be publicized in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

Commissioner Jarboe

Attended the Charlotte Hall Library for the Read Across America Program and read to the children.

Commissioner McKay

The Canoe and Kayak Launch for Greenwell State Park in Hollywood was approved at last week's Critical Area Commission.

Attended schools and libraries for the Read Across America Program to read to the children, noting the turn-out of parents, Sheriff's Deputies and uniformed military personnel who participated and thanked them.

Commended the Board of Education for getting the teacher salaries competitive with the 5% increase, the largest in the State of Maryland.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Commissioners conducted a Budget Work Session from 1:45 pm – 7:30 –pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes approved by the Board of County Commissioners on _____

Glenda Dennis, Administrative Assistant